## HELL GATE BLOWN UP

Flood Rock Destroyed by 140 Tons of Dynamite.

On Saturday, at 14 minutes past 11 o'clock, occurred in New York harbor the greatest explosion the world has ever seen. The destruction of Flood Rock was made complete by the explosion of the mines with which it had been honeycombed within the past nine years, under the direction of Gen. John Newton and the officers of the United States Engineer Corps. The explosion was effected through the agency of 250,000 pounds of "rackarock," a new and powerful explosive, and dynamite. The object of these operations was the removal of the immense reefs and masses of rock that have been so serious an obstruction to the passage of vessels in and out of New York harbor. At the point known as "Hell-Gate," the navigable channel was very narrow, a mere trough, rendered doubly dangerous by the swift currents and eddies formed around and among the rocks by the ebb and flow of the tide. The work is regarded as being thoroughly successful. The explosion was witnessed by many thousands of people, who crowded the East River shore on both sides and filled numerous excursion steamers. No mishap of any consequence resulted, which fact was a great relief to the people of New York, many of whom feared serious disaster to life and property.

While whistles were blowing and a hundred thousand people crowding the shores of two brown hair and soft eyes, stepped from the steam yacht Runaway to the landing place at Astoria and walked to a little house that stands on the wharf. Gen. Newton's officers saluted her. She was the General's daughter, Mary. Gen. Abbott, commander of the troops at Willet's Point, held in his hand a little instrument, from which two copper wires ran out along the turf to the water. There they disappeared in little girl were several ladies, a group of United | than this, my comrades, for us to meet? States officers and a few private citizens.

cept the one which will carry away the workmen last to leave the reef.

Another signal is given, and this boat also blows her hoarse whistle and steams swiftly presence. from the rock. It is now 12 minutes past 11 o'clock. The party in the little house stands in breathless expectation. Gen. Abbott, in charge of the electric key, takes it in his hand to see for the last time that it is in working order. He glances at the great rock which still breaks into a thousand eddies the waters

Little Mary Newton, with her flowing hair, stands beside Gen. Abbott, and she, too, looks at the great reef. Then she lifts her fair, white hand and places her dainty finger on the key. There is a moment's pause.

"Now," says Gen. Abbott, quietly. The child's white finger presses the key, the earth trembles and a lofty dome of milk white river; steamboats shriek and the flags salute and Flood Rock, with its terrors, has disap-

"That is what I call science," exclaims a large man in citizens' clothing. "I worked with Gen, Newton years ago and I knew he would make no mistake."

The nearest large buildings to the scene of the explosion were the institutions on Ward's Island, which are used by the Emigration Board and by the Charity Commissioners. The Emigrant Insane Asylum and Refuge is only seven city blocks away, considerably less than half a mile. The residence of Chief Engineer Mc-Allister adjoins the asylum, and not far removed are several small detached buildings, such as hospital pavilions, belonging to the Commissioners of Emigration. Next in order of distance comes the large Verplanck Hospital. On the other side of the island and a trifle further removed, facing the shady lawns of beautiful Ravenswood, on the Long Island shore, are the Homeopathic Hospital and Inebriate Asylum, and the great New York City Insane Asylum, with its army of patients under the care of Dr. Macdonald. This asylum was about the most distant of all the Ward's Island buildings from Flood Rock.

The inmates of all these institutions, except a few whose bodily or mental ailments were such that they could not be removed, were taken out of doors in good time before the explosion. Every precaution that could be suggested was taken to prevent injury to persons or buildings in case of some unforescen accident. The doors and windows of all the buildings were left open, so that the shock would meet with less resistance; heavy pictures and ornaments in the rooms of the doctors and officials things of that sort were arranged so that they could not fall and break, and the globes were removed from the gas jets and chandeliers. Although these precautions were taken, the result fully justified the predictions of Gen. Newton that neither the buildings nor their in-

mates would be harmed. Gen. Newton arrived at Astoria on the Department yacht Runaway at half-past nine. He inspected the laying of the wires, went up to the lighthouse, then boarded the yacht again and visited the rock. He was one of the last to leave it. Lieut. Derby was the last person on it. "It is a perfect success," said Gen. Newton after the explosion, "so far as I can judge. Dredging will be commenced immediately. The loose rock will be thrown into deep water or

carried away." "Do you think the cartridges have all gone "I think so from the nature of the explosion, but we shan't know that definitely for three

years, or until all the debris is removed." Gen. Abbott said that the officers at Willet's Point would set to work immediately to figure out the absolute results. So far as they could yet determine the explosion was successful. It would require some time to make the soundings and find what change had been made in the channel. It was now in the hands of the Lighthouse Department.

A Lighthouse Department boat set to work to buoy out the channel immediately after the explosion. As the engineers predicted, it was found to be clear for a 26-foot sweep without any dredging. The directions of the currents, however, have been much modified.

Four instantaneous photographs of the explosion were taken by the engineer officers at the firing point. The cameras were operated by electricity. The same current that exploded

The hundreds of people on the Brooklyn Bridge neither saw nor felt the explosion. They could hardly believe that it had occurred. A slight rumble was felt at Flushing. In East New York the shock was distinctly felt. At great precautions to prevent accident from the explosion. Many thought its effects might be awaited for. When the shock came it sounded faint earthquake shock. At Mount Vernon | ing chap, who accosted her thus: and throughout Westchester County the report was distinctly heard, but the shock was not | drafted." noticed except by those watching for it. At Morrisania there was a loud report like the explosion of a cannon. At Tompkinsville, S. I., the blast was heard, but not felt. There was no deflection of the compass. The shock was very noticeable in the lower part of New York. The City Hall trembled for the space of five seconds. In Astoria bottles were shaken from shelves, articles were thrown from mantels, and several buildings tottered as though about to topple over. Considerable window glass was | wretch?" cried the prospective widow, accombroken and some chimneys were shaken down. On the Hallet's Cove road, over a mile from Flood Rock, horses were nearly thrown from | who fled hastily down the stairs just in time their feet and the sea wall vibrated dangerously. | to escape the pail which followed the water .-The shock was also distinctly felt as far as Paterson, N. J., and even at Princeton College successful observations of the time and effect

of the shock were made. Flood Rock had an area of nine acres, although only 250 square feet was above water. | Massachusetts delegates. One evening while | which Gen. Taylor wrote Santa Anna declining A sea wall seven feet high was built around the we had a meeting in the Grand Army hall a to surrender. At the close of the Mexican war island. Two shafts were sunk-one 57 and the | Captain got up and read a poem, the title of | Gen. Crittenden returned the pen to Gov. Moorother 40 feet deep. The main shaft was used | which I have forgotten, but it gave a brief ac- head, stating the fact that Gen. Taylor had for removing the excavated rock in blasting count of the grand review of the armies after out the headings. The smaller shaft was used the war, at Washington. Can you give me the for the tubes conveying the compressed air name of the poem or send it to me C. O. D., presented the pen to a lady, now residing in which drove the drills. The first series of and you will oblige an old subscriber.-CHAS. headings branched out from the main shaft at | Rost, Joliet, Iil.

a depth of 40 feet, and from the bottom of the shaft another series diverged, directly under those above. The headings branched at right angles every 20 feet, and were 60 in number in each tier. The double system of headings was employed to gain a sufficient depth after the explosion without the necessity of dredging out to the extent that was necessary at Hallett's

The total length of tunneling was about four miles, consisting of 24 galleries runing north wide and 10 feet high. There was a thickness of from 10 to 25 feet between the roof of the top tier of galleries and the water. There were 467 pillars left to support the roof. These were 15 feet square. The whole rock was honeycombed with tunnels, about 80,000 cubic feet of

rock having been removed. There were drilled in the pillars and roof 13,286 chambers for holding the cartridges, each chamber three inches in diameter and about nine feet deep. These chambers were filled with rackarock cartridges, of which there were about 47,000 used, each being two and a half inches in diameter, two feet in length and containing six pounds of explosives. In addition to the rackarock cartridges, several hundred ordinary dynamite cartridges were used, to which the wires connecting with the detonating electric batteries were attached, the simultaneous shock from these causing the explosion of all the remaining cartridges. Over at night, which was attended by not less than 285,000 pounds of explosives were used.

GEN. BELKNAP'S SPEECH At the Reunion of the Crocker Brigade.

Following is the text of the eloquent speech delivered by Gen. W. W. Belknap, at the Recities, a little girl of 11 years, with shining union of the Crocker Brigade, at Iowa City: GOV. KIEKWOOD-LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF Iowa CITY: Crocker's Iowa Brigade-the 11th, 13th, 15th and 16th Iowa-won by your generous welcome, is here to-night, where its survivors meet and greet each other. Here, where the Legislators of a young State formed the foundation on which has grown almost an empire; here, near the classic shades of the University from whose walks so many young men go out into the world well armed for the fight of life; here, in the home of that honored Statesman who, beyond any name which his great the whirlpools that washed the base of the services in public life may bring, has the grand title formidable Flood Rock. Standing about the of lowa's War Governor; -what place more fit

There have been times in life when some strain of music, whose air has not come to us for years, bears At last the boats around the reef complete us at once far back to some attractive scene of other their work. Signals are exchanged, whistles | days where the same air was heard. The friends shrick, cheers rise from the multitudes, and in | who were with us there, and the words and the lan-10 minutes all the boats have sailed away ex-recalled hour, in the dear, delightful past, are with us once again, revived by the melody of that music whose magle power brings the forms and familiar faces of the loved of other days once more into our

Though the drums, sir, that beat to-night and the bugles that blow ring out their calls as clearly as ever, their sounds do not summon my comrades and myself to active work. But we are borne back by them in memory to the day when the flag was fired upon and the whole land was aroused; when the citizens of the State became the soldiers of the Nation, and her youth became her men; -back to the white tents of pleasant camps; to morning guard-mounting and the glitter of evening parade; to the earnest labor of military duty; to the prompt movement of the early start; to marches by day and to the restful bivouac by night; to earthworks magically made; to the skirmish-line far in the front; to the sharp crack of the rifle, which told that the enemy was near; to lines of battle quickly formed; to the sudden attack; to the ready repulse; to the exciting advance; to the passionate charge; the rolling musketry; the bursting shell; spray leaps into space. Ten thousand shouts | the pallid dead; the lull in the firing; the renewed fill the air from the crowds up and down the attack; "the noise of the Captains and the shouting;" the waving regimental flags, as the scattered river; steamboats shrick and the hags salute men rally around them; the dust and the heat and the event. The Niagara of water melts away the smoke and the din and the sweat of battle; and the gradual dying of the hours of tumult into quiet, as the welcome end comes, and the lagging sun of the heated day slowly, as if it loved to linger on these fields of strife, goes down at last with the air full of our loud cheers of victory. In the midst of eventful scenes like these, the life

of Crocker's Iowa Brigade began. The men of its four regiments had gathered at the recruiting drum beat from all parts of the State. When the names on their regimental muster-rolls were called, only a County here and there was missed. From Dubuque and Pottawattamie, from Linn and Lee, from Wapello and Benton, from Marion and Scott, from Muscatine and Des Moines and Polk, from Cedar and Van Buren, from High Henry, Proud Mahaska and High Boone, and from

76 of the 99 Counties of Iowa came these men whom

And ordered to lead them was Crocker, the man by whom they should be led. His ready force in civil life made him a marked man; his determined will gave to him the signal power to command men and hold them by the inspiration of his presence; his high spirit in action stamped him as a daring soldier. Upon the certain bravery of this brigade he leaned as on a sure support; and, knowing what he was, they gave to him the honor of their truest trust, and never faltered when the trial came. It was not fate for him to die upon the field, but he had won the leaves of laurel which bind the hero's brow, and as long as we, his comrades, live, whom he so nobly led, there shall come from us for him the words which he deserved to do his memory

And now his commander and ours, Grant, the first commander of the Army of the Tennessee, has gone. As the bugle blew taps at Riverside on August 8, it was a fitting requiem for him as he crossed the river and joined the celestial army which waited for him on the other side. Guileless in life and language, tender in his affections, loyal to his country, dutiful to his God, immovable in nis friendships as the everlasting hills, brave in time of battle, heroic beyond example in the hour of death. Best and truest and most faithful friend, were taken down; crockery ware and fragile good night. "We shall not look upon his like

The deeds which the men of this brigade did are now in history. They would be called heroes in any heroic age. Though not realized now, those of their name and lineage who follow them will, in the generations coming, cherish the record which

they made.
Forsaking the embraces of affection and the arms of love, 24 years ago they left their homes under flags whose stars were bright, and whose stripes were deepest crimson. They bore like men the changes of toil and prison and field and fight. They marched from the Mississippi to the sea; and then these flags, soiled and shot and torn and tattered, but surrounded by the halo of the same old glory, were furled in final triumph.

Dropping the button of rank and the badge of

blue, they became the Republic's citizens, and are nere now to meet old army comrades and to thank you from their hearts for the pleasures of this hour. But we are not all here; some from our land and ts distant borders and some from other lands send us a soldier's love, and some have heard the soldier's last tattoo.

We no more face the fearful fire at Shiloh; no longer see that charge at Corinth where the Union batteries swept from life the flower of that army of he South; no longer hear the thundering guns at Vicksburg; no more go down into that "Vailey of the Shadow of Death," the picket-line at Kenesaw, and no longer stand in the tornado of battle at Atlanta. These are past memories. We only hear now your tender words of peaceful greeting, and are blessed by the smiles of women, whose hands wave to us to-night so sweet a welcome. Mr. Mayor! Citizens of Iowa City! Old men and natrons! Young men and maidens! By your loving kindness you have tied yourselves firmly, fondly, and forever to the hearts of the men of "Crocker's Iowa Brigade."

In the Days of the Draft. TO THE EDITOR: In the days of the draft many jokes were perpetrated, which I think would be interesting and amusing to many of the old soldiers who read THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. If we may believe the following. which appeared in the Philadelphia Press in the mine operated the first camera, which gave | 1865, there were some who fled to the mouna picture of the rocks, just starting in the air, | tains to avoid the draft, even in Pennsylvania: all the rest of the English language. This story may be true, since large numbers of the residents fled to the woods during the late draft. Many are yet missing, so that more wild men may yet be

Many were the misunderstandings relative to the substitutes who, for a consideration, took College Point and Ravenswood Point there was a slight tremor. People in Brooklyn had taken willing and able to pay a man to fight for them: | Slagle, Rowe, Warriner, Lieuts. Barkley, Snodwilling and able to pay a man to fight for them: | grass and Dorrington. Col. Glenn called the A man who was drafted, and his wife, sorely distressed at the idea of parting, were vainly very far-reaching. The hour was auxiously endeavoring to invent some excuse for getting was effected by electing Col. Irwin President, him exempted, when a knock was heard at the | Col. Glenn Vice-President, W. R. Johnston Seclike a thunder clap miles away and felt like a door. On opening it she found a rough look-

"Madam, I hear your husband has been "Yes, sir," she replied, "he has; but goodness knows how I am to spare him." "Well, ma'am, I've come to offer my services

as a substitute for him." "A what?" asks the now excited lady. "I wish to take his place," answered the

"You-you take the place of my husband you vagabond! I'll teach you to insult a poor, lone woman in distress, you mean, dirty panying her remarks with a discharge of dirty water at the head of the astonished substitute, D. A. L., Co. A, 61st Pa., Snicksburg, Pa.

Who Knows?

To THE EDITOR: Two years ago I visited the battlefield of Gettysburg in company with the had been given him by Gov. Moorhead, with

REUNIONS. An original poem, dedicated to the 121st N. Y. and the 5th Me., was read by Comrade J. K.

Tyler at the Reunion of the 121st N. Y. at Lit-

tle Falls Sept. 29. "A Friend," Orbisonia, Pa.: The third Reunion of the 110th Pa. was held at Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co., Pa., on the 1st and 2d of October, 1885. This Reunion we believe to be the cap-sheaf of all Reunions since the war. longest of these was 1,200 feet in length, 6 feet | the grave of the much-lamented Col. Isaac Rog- | the war, both solemn and ludierous, were iners, who fell, while leading this gallant regiment, at Spottsvlvania on the 12th of May, 1864, mortally wounded, and died on the 23d of May, 1864. On arriving at Orbisonia, the old dehas not been witnessed in that community for many long years. Capt. C. Copelin, of Altoona, called the meeting to order, and Dr. J. C. Hampartaking of a grand dinner, which the nobleprepared in the grove for the soldiers. The | members, most of whom were present: afternoon was spent in visiting the grave of Col. Rogers. A Campfire was held in the hall

> 600 people. Geo. E. Lowry, Indianapolis, Ind.: The third annual Reunion of the 13th Ind. was held in Indianapolis on Wednesday, Sept. 30, There was a large number present. Comrades were there from Tennessee, Ohio, Kansas and Illinois. Serg't Armstrong, 1st N. Y. M't'd Rifles, remembered the boys, and sent his regards in form of a box of hardtack and a canteen of pure Blackwater apple jack, which proved to be one of the many pleasant features of the Reunion. Col. E. L. Walrath, of the 115th N. Y.; Lieut. A. B. Cobb, 112th N. Y.; Adj't Challis, 4th N. H., and several others wrote very interesting letters. The next Reunion will be held at Indianapolis, on Wednesday of State Fair week in 1886, date not yet fixed. The officers elected for present year are as follows: Pres., T. M. Kirkpatrick; V.-P., D. C. Scull; Sec., Geo. E. Lowry; Treas., Wm. A. Ketcham. Executive Committe, President and Vice-President, S. M. Zent, John W. Linck and Gen. R. S. Foster. A new roster and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association will soon be published. Comrades desiring further information should address the Secretary, Geo. E. Lowry, Indianapolis, Ind.

E. G. Campbell, Greensburg, Pa.: A grand Reunion of the soldiers and sailors of Westmoreland County, Pa., will be held at Greens-

burg, Oct. 15. H. R. Howard, Point Pleasant, W. Va.: A Reunion of the 11th Ohio was held at Dayton, Sept. 24. Col. M. P. Nolan made an address, which was enthusiastically received by the veierans. The following officers were elected: Pres., P. P. Lane, Cincinnati; V.-P., H. R. Howard, Point Pleasant, W. Va.; Sec. and Treas., J. H. Horton, 233 West Fourth St., Cincinnati.

Will L. Welch, Boston, Mass.: The 23d regiment held its annual Reunion at Gloucester, Mass., on the 24th ult., about 150 veterans being present. Music was furnished by the Salem Cadet Band and the following officers elected: Pres., Jno.W. Raymond; Adj't, Henry July, 1863," is surmounted by a statue seven B. Pierce; Q. M., Will L. Welch, and the usual | feet high, representing the color-bearer in the corps of Vice-Presidents, and Executive Com- act of drawing his sword. The exercises at the mittee. It was voted to hold the next annual Reunion in Lynn. After dinner President J. W. Raymond, of Beyerly, introduced Col. E. H. Haskell, of Gloucester, as toastmaster of the day, and some two hours of speaking followed. Among those present at the Reunion was Edw. D. Cohota, of Santa Fe, N. M. This comrade, a native of China, was a member of Co. I, 23d regiment, and afterwards was several years in J. L. Buchanan, Belle River, Ill.: During a

you honor here to-night, who did their work so held recently at Centralia, the 22d Ill. organized a new association and chose the following officers: Pres., Maj. E. Probst, of Centralia; V.-P., Maj. Samuel Johnson, of Henry; Cor. Sec., Capt. J. L. Buchanan, of Belle River; Rec. Sec., O. B. Ormsby, M. D., of Murphysboro. 21st Ill., held here Sept. 22 and 23, called together a large number of the veterans of the was the presence of Col. Fred. Grant, the eldest son of the first and most honored Colonels of the regiment. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Pres., Capt. Ed. Harlan, Marshall, Ill.; V.-P., Capt. Phil Wel-

Reunion of the soldiers of Southern Illinois,

lia; Cor. Sec., M. A. Ewing, Neoga. Charles R. B. Thomas, St. Joseph, Mo.: The and 25 was largely attended and a great success in every particular. The streets were handsomely decorated with arches, flags and evergreens. The procession was very imposing, and took us back to the days of '61-5.

shimer, Neoga; Rec. Sec., I. S. Taylor, Centra-

J. W. Shroyer, Fairmont, W. Va.: There will be a Reunion of the old soldiers of Marion and adjoining Counties Oct. 8.

The soldiers of the old eighth district held a general Reunion at Lebanon, Ind., Sept. 17 and 18, 1885, the largest Reunion the city has ever had. The following Indiana regiments were represented, officers of whom responded lo calls for short speeches in the order named: 14th, Col. Cook, of Nebraska; 10th, Capt. Joe Smith, Frankfort, Ind.; 40th, Capt. Dewitt Wallace, La Fayette; 72d, Rev. Mr. Cassel, Williamsport; 116th, Conrad Cassel, Williamsport, and When the 11th Ind. Cav. was called J. R. Saunders, of Boone County, responded in a very neat and appreciative speech.

The annual meeting of Co. M, 2d O. H. A., was held at Chestnut Grove, Geneva, O., Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. "H. H.," Atwood, Ill.: The 79th Ill. held a Reunion here at Oakland, Ill., on the 23d and 24th of September.

T. N. Hanmer, Wethersfield, Conn.: The Reunion of the 22d Conn. was held at Hartford, Conn., on the 2d inst., it being the 23d anniversary of their marching from Hartford. There were present some 125 members, among them being Charles H. Grey, the youngest man that enlisted from Connecticut, who was but 13 years 9 months and 10 days old at time of enlistment. Col. Burnham addressed the comrades, calling their attention to the fact that he was the first man to enlist in Connecticut. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Col. George S. Burnham; V.-P., Capt. John G. Root; Sec. and Treas., H. R. Morley. Executive Committee-E. F. Curry, Co. A: T. N. Hanmer, Co. B: C. H. Cooley, Co. C; Lester Whiton, Co. D; William O. Buckley. Co. E; E. E. Bridge, Co. F; John Sherwood, Co. G; Jacob Barchfield, Co. H; Charles Tarbox, Co. I; E. C. Sheldon, Co. K.

27th inst. W. R. Johnston, Robella, Pa.: The first Reunion of the 149th Pa., known as the 2d Bucktails, was held at Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 7. Among the survivors present were Col. Jno. Irwin, Lieut. Jas. Glenn, Maj. E. S. Osborne, Capts. meeting to order, and Capt. Slagle made the welcoming address. A permanent organization

retary, and Lieut. Barkley Treasurer. E. H. Gregg, Ottawa, Kan.: On the 1st inst. about 70 members of the 10th Kan, met in Topeka at the great Reunion and organized a Society of the 10th Kan. Veteran Volunteers. Maj. H. H. Williams was elected President; Adrian Reynolds Secretary, Howard, Kan., and E. H. Gregg Corresponding Secretary, Ottawa. Kan. We wish to enroil the name of every survivor of the old 10th, and therefore ask every one who may read this notice to respond with his name and address.

A Relic of the Mexican War.

At the breaking out of the Mexican war, Gov. Moorhead, of Kentucky, presented to Gen. Crittenden a silver pen. Gen. Crittenden became an Aid to Gen. Taylor, who, while in the field, received a letter from Santa Anna, demanding the surrender of the United States forces. Gen. Taylor at once asked Gen. Crittenden for a pen. Gen. Crittenden handed him the pen which Washington, accompanied by a letter giving its history as above stated.

Meeting of Fuller's Ohlo Veteran Brigade. The survivors of Gen, J. W. Fuller's Ohio Veteran Brigade living in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska held an impromptu Reunion and Campfire at U. S. Grant Camp, in St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 25, on the occasion of Southwestern Iowa and Northwestern Missouri Veteran Reunion. Comrade Stubler called the camp to order and welcomed the visitors. On motion A. C. Ware was elected Chairman, and

dulged in and old friendship renewed All the members who can possibly attend the next Reunion of the brigade in Ohio are requested to notify the Secretary, in order to profenders were met at the depot by citizens and | cure reduced transportation. The Secretary soldiers of the place, headed by the Orbisonia | was instructed to correspond with our beloved Band, and were escorted to the town hall, where | commander, Gen. J. W. Fuller, with the view a hand-shaking and hugging took place, such as of requesting his presence at our next Reunion. An adjournment was then had, to meet again at the time and place of the next Southwestern Iowa and Northwestern Missouri Vet- to maintain and perpetuate the official arisilton, of Tyrone, was called to the Secretary's eran Association. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung | tocracy of which we saw so much in the serchair. An address of welcome, in behalf of the | in a true soldierly, hearty chorus, and the comcitizens of the town and vicinity, was deliv- rades bade each other good by, promising to of that splendid army who would desire or acered by Dr. Taylor. Next in order was the meet again as above indicated, and after a great | cept membership in the society upon any condeal of handshaking separated for their re-

> 27th Ohio-J. C. Denise, Surgeon, Omaha, Neb: A. C. Ware, Co. A., Oregon, Mo.; Reuben Barnhard, A, Topeka, Kan.; Wm. Striblen, E | us, then the rank and file not only desire but (H. S.), St. Joseph, Mo.; James F. Timmons, | think they are in justice entitled to member-A, Edwardsville, Kan.; James Limbird, I, St. | ship in it. However, the officers who organ-Joseph, Mo.; Geo. A. Smith, H. Quitman, Mo.; | ized the society have placed this ban upon us, Harvey Moore, A. Albion, Iowa; Hugh Montgomery, E, Mound City, Mo.; Alonzo Sparger, H, Maryville, Mo.; Thos. O. West, D, Clarin- kind in the country-certainly the only one da, Iowa; S. E. Nicswanger, F, Elwood, Kan.

Mo, ; James Hahn, E, Lathrop, Mo. 43d Ohio-Edwin Stein, Co. E. Garnett, Kan.; F. St. Joseph, Mo.; Edmond Anderson, -, Maryville, Mo.

Mo.; E. Rozell, B. Maitland, Mo.; Martin Rozell, B, Malta Bend, Mo.; Simou Jarvis, H, Goshen, Iowa; Laby Minz, I, Malta Bend, Mo.; Andrew Smith, B, Clyde, Kan.; E. W. James, -, Pacific Junction, Kan.; Thos. Eliott, B, Maitland, Mo.; J. B. Kildow, I, Maryville, Mo. It is hereby requested that those of the bri-Nebraska whose names are not as yet enrolled, notify the Secretary, giving name, rank, company, regiment and post-office address .- WIL-LIAM STIBLEN, Secretary, St. Joseph, Mo.

Another Monument at Gettysburg.

On the 24th ult, the friends and survivors of the 13th Mass., to the number of 100, arrived at Gettysburg to take part in the Reunion and dedication of the regiment's monument on Mumasburg road, northwest of Gettysburg, on the scene of the first day's fight, where Color-Sergeant Rolan B. Morris fell. The monument is of granite. The base, bearing the inscription, in tender youth, too young to dream of ambi-"First Brigade, Second Division, First Corps, monument were opened with an address by Col. A. N. Sampson, of Boston. An oration was delivered by Mayor Joseph A. Fox, of Cambridge, and an original poem, by the Rev. J. M. Savage, of Boston, was read by Chas. E. Davis. The monument was then tendered to the Battlefield Memorial Association, and was received by Vice-President D. A. Buehler. In the afternoon the National Cemetery was visited, and the Regular Army. He came to Gloucester | the graves of Massachusetts and unknown solwhen quite young, and enlisted from there at | diers were decorated with flowers furnished by the age of 18 years. Were there any other na- the ladies of Gettysburg. To-night a Campfire tives of China in the Union army as privates? | was held in the hall of Post 9, whose guests the visitors were.

A Baggage Check Which Saved A Soldier's Life. Lieut, H. M. Parker, of Blissfield, Mich., late of the 11th Ill., has in his possession a brass baggage check which saved his life on the battlefield. It is check No. 75, from the Cairo & Fulton Railroad, and was placed on Comrade M. A. Ewing, Neoga, Ill.: The Reunion of the | Parker in sport by some triends, who said they | fight referred to be knew a bullet had struck | 42d Ohio, Ashland, O. him, as he felt the jar, but he did not know how near it came to making a hole through his body until he looked himself over afterward. The it nearly half double, and glanced outward he found it had cut his tobacco pouch to pieces, and spoiled the smoke which he so wanted to take after the battle of cannon and musketry

Kate Homer Clayton Raymond W. Howe.

In reply to a recent communication in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE from John M. Shoemaker in regard, to the lady whose name heads this article, the Porcupine, of Los Angeles, Cal.

publishes the following: We had our experience here with the distinguished forager, and it was humiliating and expensive. In addition to all our inquiring comrade says, the enterprising Kate while here claimed to be an honorary comrade of the G.A.R., and such an infernal bore did she become to the Posts of this Department as to elicit a General Order from the Department Commander. Kate is not a granddaughter of Gen. Winfield Scott; not an honorary Hooker's Corps as Tom Smith or any other Tom uals other than for Kate's necessitous self. Kate is not licensed to preach by Bishop Haven or any other bishop living or dead. Kate was not wounded at Lookout Mountain as Tom Smith or ony other

However, our Green Bay comrades will, probably, before this reaches them have escaped the infliction of the would-be drummer by her having vamosed the ranch, as the tactics of Kate is ever forward and never backward, and as she always seeks pastures new under a new name they will never be likely to see her more, and this bonest information will have reached them too late, and they will have lost the benefit of one of Kate's G.A.R. entertainments, The Green Bay boys, like the California boys, will have been unfortunate if they fail to sit down on Kate promptly.

An Incident of the War of 1812.

TO THE EDITOR: I read in your paper an account of a Zouave regiment that fought so dessomething that no one saw, as it was too close to the shock. The others follow at intervals of 10 seconds, showing the explosion in all its dif
A wild man has been discovered in a forest in the air, and the shock of the shock. The others follow at intervals of the shock. The others follow at intervals of the shock only one word—"draft." He had forgotten the shock only one word—"draft." He had forgotten the shock only one word—"draft." He had forgotten the shock of the was covered all over with stated that they were given whisky and guntout the shock of the was covered all over with shock. The others follow at intervals of the shock. The others follow at intervals of the shock. The others follow at intervals of the shock only one word—"draft." He had forgotten the shock of perately at Gaines's Mill, June 27, 1862. It was of the war of 1812 that I have heard my mother tell. It was that battle on Lake Champlain, fought between the English and the Americans, under Commodore McDonough. On the morning of the battle Commodore McDonough called his men all together and held prayers. As he arose from his knees, after he had committed them to God, a cook at the cabin door exclaimed, "Commodore, the victory is ours! The English Commodorn treated his men to whisky and gunpowder." Our Commodore had two colored servants, a man and his wife, named Peters. His duty was to pass powder to the guns. He was soon wounded, and was carried down to the cabin. His wife stepped up and took his place. She was dressed in white from head to foot, and kept her place until the battle was over. The next morning a son was born to that brave qouple, and they named him Commodore McDonough General George Washington Peters. He was quite a hero in that village of White Hall, where my mother lived many years. My husband was in the last war four years

and my eldest son two years. We did what we could to save our country. I enjoy your paper very much, and call myself a veteran's wife.-A. P. R., Mansfield, O.

OBITUARY.

Invasions of Beath in the Ranks of Our Comrades. FRANK.—At Sheridan, Montana, on the 27th ult., Phillip Frank, Co. A, 2d Ill. L. A. He was a mem-ber of Custer Post, No. 5, and was buried with G.A.R. honors. Cox.-On the 2d inst, at Brooklyn, N. Y., after lingering illness, Wm. Y. Cox, Co. G, 12th N. Y. S. M. He was not a member of the Grand Army, but was buried by Harry Lee Post, No. 21, in the new soldiers' cemetery at Cypress Hills.

SPERRY.—At Blue Hill, Me., Ransom Sperry, aged 66 years. During the war he served in the 26th Me. He was a member of James A. Garfield Post, No. 46. GODFREY .- At South Seaville, N. J., Oct. 3, Jess

S. Godfrey, Corporal, Co. F, 25th N. J.

ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

Plain Words from a Comrade Criticising Its Ex-TO THE EDITOR: The exclusive and selfish character of the "Society of the Army of the Tennessee" has long been a matter of surprise and profound regret to the rank and file of that splendid army. The history of the late Wm. Stubler Secretary and Treasurer. A gen- war is resplendent with the achievements and and south, and 46 running east and west. The This meeting was at the home and also around eral good feeling prevailed. Reminiscences of glory of the Army of the Tennessee. It is a grand history of a grand army, in which the rank and file have a common interest with its officers: a history which would never have been made but for the rank and file-the men who have been so ungraciously snubbed by a denial of membership in the society bearing

> What was the purpose of that organization? If it was intended by its originators as a sort of "mutual admiration society" especially for the officers of the Army of the Tennessee, and vice, I do not think there is an enlisted man dition. If, upon the other hand, the purpose hearted people of Orbisonia and vicinity had spective homes. Following is a list of the organization is to commemorate the brilliant achievements of that army from Fort Donelson to the sea, and to strengthen the bonds of fraternity that unite or should unite and we have nothing to do, but submit. I think this is the only organization of the

> > within my knowledge-in which the enlisted 39th Ohio-Lorence D. Sanders, Co. A. St. man is not welcome. We meet the officers Joseph, Mo.; S. F. Fagin, E, Lathrop, Mo.; of the Army of the Tennessee in the Post Aaron Fagin, E, Lathrop, Mo.; Thos. Painter, rooms and in the Department and Na-B, Fontainbleau, Mo.; W. A. Mart, H. Shentional councils of the Grand Army of the Reandoah, Iowa; Aaron Waldron, A, Liberty, public on the broad platform of equality, because "Fraternity, without regard to former rank, is the broad foundation stone upon Levi Aman, E, Garnett, Kan.; Wm. Rambo, F, | which our Order rests." But when we approach Larnard, Kan.; W. H. H. Shrecengaust, E, Pat- | the portals of the "Society of the Army of the tonsburg, Mo.; W. Roberts, B. Akron, Mo.; T. Tennessee," we are commanded to stand aside R. Jones, -, Bedford, Iowa; J. C. Steinbrecher, -that rank is the only passport there. I do not believe, however, that all of its members approve its exclusiveness. In the judgment of 63d Ohio-Enoch Bryant, Co. I, Union Star, | Charity I am convinced that there are many members of that society who deeply regret this injustice to their comrades of the rank and file of our gallant army. No doubt there are many others who think the arrangement eminently right and proper; that the distinction between officers and men should be forever maintained; they believe, and will take their gade residing in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and sacrament on it, that those who wore the insignia of rank represented all the culture and brains, while the rank and file made up the brawn and muscle of the army. There are such souls, for I have met them.

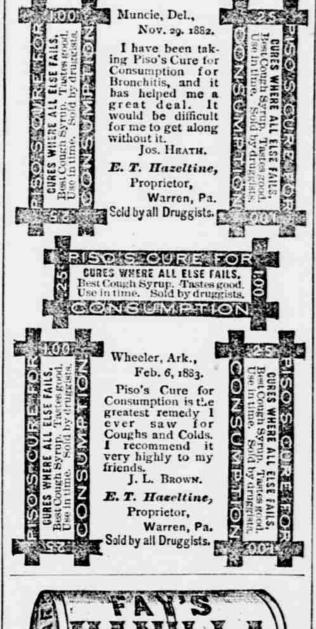
These self-sufficient gentlemen forget, if they ever knew, that there were hundreds of men in the ranks carrying muskets and knapsacks, who were as capable, by natural endowment and by education, to command regiments, brigades and divisions as any of their superiors who did command. All that they lacked were the commissions and the opportunities. Many enlisted as common soldiers from choice, who would have graced high positions. Others entered the ranks tion. They all entered the service to do battle for their country, actuated solely and purely by patriotic motives, and not to get office and obtain the pay and allowance incident thereto. And for this they are met at the threshold of the "Society of the Army of the Tennessee," and told that they cannot enter; the portals are closed in their faces.

If this society had called itself "Society of the Officers of the Army of the Tennessee," the enlisted men would have no cause or disposition to complain. But when they christen it 'The Society of the Army of the Tennessee," and then debar from it a great majority of the men who composed that army, their grievance is obvious.

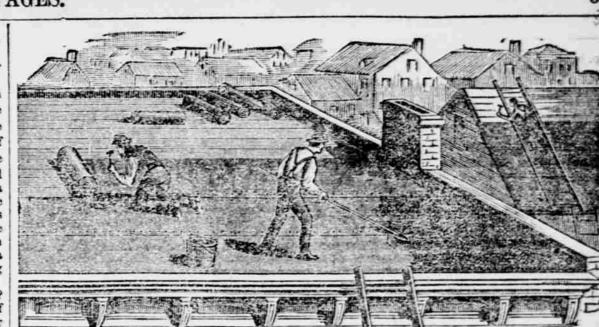
Comrades of the Army of the Tennessee, what say you to the organization of a society of the rank and file of the Army of the Tennessee? For years I have thought that this should be done, but have not, until now, taken occasion to give public expression to that opinion. It occurs to me that a convention for the purpose of organization might be called at Cleveland, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago, or some other accessible city in the West, at some date wanted to check him through all right, at Bird's | in the near future. I should be pleased to cor-Point, in Missouri, opposite Cairo, a long dis- respond with any of my comrades of the Army late war. One of the features of the meeting tance from Fort Donelson, and three or four of the Tennessee upon this subject. Let us not months before the battle occurred. During the only agitate, but act.-John W. FRY, Co. H.

To the Editor: I was glad to see The Na-TIONAL TRIBUNE'S pertinent reference to the check was hanging by the little leather strap | so called "Society of the Army of the Tenneswhich is with it still, on the inside of his blouse | see." The Chicago Times' criticism is also to and under his overcoat, and it was through the point. A new organization should be soldiers' Reunion held at this place Sept. 23, 24 | these and a large pocketbook that the cold rebel | formed, broad enough to take in every man lead went; it struck the check on one side, bent | who served in the gallant old organization. A good time and place to do this would be next through the clothing again. It did not touch | year at San Francisco. There promises to be a the soldier's body, but left him unharmed. He great gathering of Grand Army men there to was very much out of patience, however, when attend the Reunion, and the Army of the Tennessee will undoubtedly be well represented. The writer was an officer in the Army of the Tennessee, sharing its fortunes from Paducan to the Gulf. and is therefore eligible to membership in the above-mentioned close corporation; but the thing has always appeared so narrow, unjust and absurd that he has kept out of it. Comrades of the Army of the Tennessee, let us organize!-OLD THIRTEENTH Corps, Washington, D. C.

Piece of Ramrod in a Veteran's Eye 21 Years. George W. Lovejoy, of Bridgeport, Conn., a veteran of the late war, has been blind in his right eve for 21 years. While firing a salute recently a premature discharge of the cannon shattered his right arm and injured the eye. Soon after the accident Dr. Wilson, an occulist of Bridgeport, performed a most skillful operacomrade of the G.A.R.; was not a drummer in tion on Lovejoy's eye. He removed from the ball a piece of hickory ramrod which was blown or Smith. Kate never did or will get up enter-tainments for the benefit of the G.A.R. Post, Wo-into the eye 21 years ago. The piece is almost man's Relief Corps, or any other bodies or individ- an inch in length and over an eighth of an inch in diameter. Mr. Lovejoy is in consequence relieved from pain which he has suffered almost constantly since the accident. He Tom or any other Smith, or as a drummer, soldier | was not aware of the existence of the splinter until it was removed.





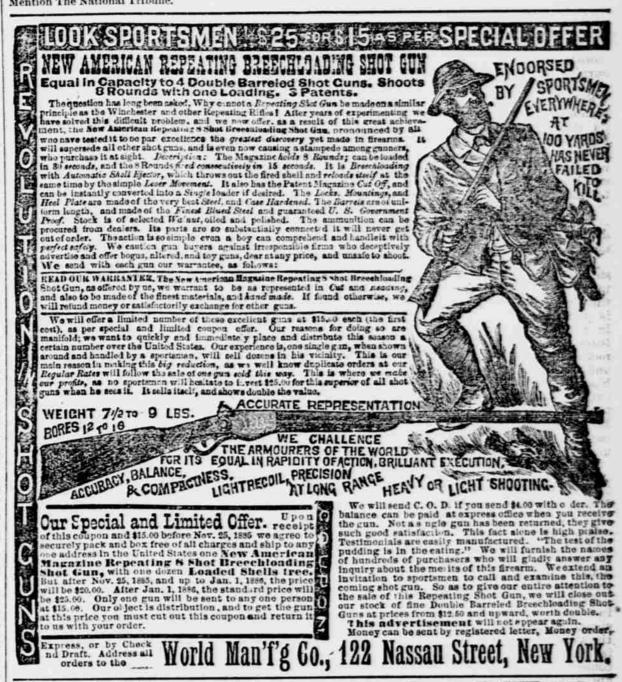


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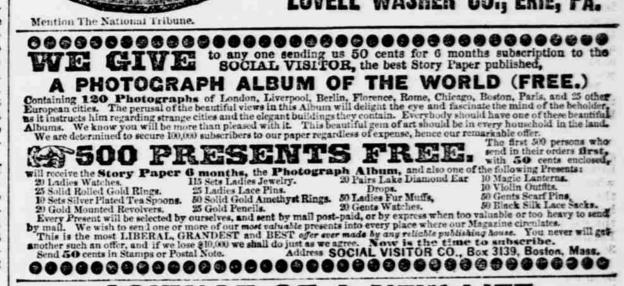
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